

**Hope Mining Company Areas 5A, 19, and 20A
Mining Plan of Operations
Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact**

Errata Sheet

July 31, 2009

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This errata sheet details the changes and clarifications for the Hope Mining Company Areas 5A, 19, and 20A Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact.

Rationale for the Decision

In the table located on pages 6 and 7, the disturbance to plant ecology and botany section contained an error and should now read as follows:

Disturbance to plant ecology and botany	Minimal potential for spread or establishment of non-native plant species.	This decision requires that all gear and equipment be clean of non-native seeds prior to entering NFS lands. This will reduce the likelihood that non-native species will become invasive in the project area.
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Monitoring

On page 9, clarifications have been added and the Monitoring section should now read as follows:

- Biweekly inspections of the mining operation during the operating season for consistency with the terms and conditions of the plan of operations. Inspection protocol is attached to this errata sheet.
- The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is responsible for monitoring water quality. The Forest Service will visually monitor water quality per inspection protocol and alert ADEC of any potential violations.
- Annual monitoring for non-native plant species for a period of three years following completion of mining operations.
- Annual inspection of the interpretive area for signs of vandalism or other damage.

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Environmental Assessment Errata Sheet

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Environmental Consequences Recreation Resources

On page 25, first paragraph, a reference is made to the 1892 mining laws. The correct year is 1872.

Hydrology Resources

On page 19, second paragraph, the following statement is made:

“Under this restoration project, the Forest Service would restore about 76 acres along a 200 to 500-foot wide riparian corridor through the Hope Mining Company claims to its natural condition, and existing approved mining areas within the corridor (including most of Areas 5A and 19) would no longer be approved for mining.”

To clarify, this statement refers to a written letter specifying conceptual agreement between the Forest Service and Hope Mining Company, signed in December of 2007 by both the District Ranger and Al Johnson of Hope Mining Company. Under this conceptual agreement, Hope Mining Company will supplement their existing plan of operations to voluntarily exclude most mining activities from the Resurrection Creek Restoration corridor, except for activities such as maintenance of claim corners, occasional use of water from Resurrection Creek to fill settling ponds, use of established equipment crossings and use of the bridge which is proposed for the restoration project. The approval of this supplemental plan of operations would occur after the Final Environmental Impact Statement is completed and a Record of Decision is signed on the Resurrection Creek Restoration Project.